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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7049

BILL NUMBER: SB 402

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 21, 2012

BILL AMENDED: Jan 19, 2012

SUBJECT: Indiana Uniform Law Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Simpson

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Foley

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill specifies the membership of the Indiana Uniform Law Commission, which is the Indiana delegation of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL). It provides for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by commission members in attending the annual meeting of the NCCUSL.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Summary-* The estimated annual costs of the eleven-member commission and reimbursement of expenses incurred by members attending the annual meeting of the NCCUSL are estimated to be \$44,337.

Additional Details- There would be two cost items associated with this bill. First, the allocation that the Legislative Council makes to committees and commissions of \$9,500 and, second, reimbursement of eleven members to attend the annual meeting of the National Commission of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

Allocations for 11-Member Commission		Reimbursement for All 11 Members to Attend Annual Meeting		Total Annual Costs
\$9,500	+	\$34,837	=	\$44,337

This bill establishes an eleven-member study committee consisting of four legislators, six lay members, and
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one state employee. The committee is to operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$9,500 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members. The number of meetings that the Commission could have in Indiana would depend on both the location of the meeting and where the members reside.

An additional expense for this Commission would be for the members to attend the annual meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. LSA looked at the average cost paid for a legislative member to attend the annual meeting between 2008 and 2011. These costs included travel costs, per diem and costs to register and attend the meeting. The average cost between 2008 and 2011 was \$3,167. The cost for all eleven members to attend the annual conference could be \$34,837.

The expenses incurred by Commission members would be paid from three different sources:

- (1) Legislative members would be reimbursed by money appropriated to the Senate, the House of Representatives, or Legislative Services Agency.
- (2) The Revisor of Statutes, the state employee, would be reimbursed through Legislative Services Agency
- (3) The expenses of the members appointed by the Governor would be a reimbursed through money appropriated to the Commission.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Legislative Services Agency.

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